

and argument on, prior maritime service, including both the record introduced by the Coast Guard representative and any commendatory evidence.

(b) The respondent may offer evidence and argument in mitigation of any charge proved.

(c) The Coast Guard representative may offer evidence and argument in rebuttal of any evidence and argument offered by the respondent in mitigation.

## PART 23—DISTINCTIVE MARKINGS FOR COAST GUARD VESSELS AND AIRCRAFT

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### §23.01 Basis and purpose.

(a) This subpart establishes instructions for the display of distinctive markings of Coast Guard vessels and aircraft, including Coast Guard ensign and commission pennant and Coast Guard emblem.

(b) Coast Guard vessels and aircraft are distinguished from other vessels and aircraft by an ensign; a personal flag, command pennant, or commissioned pennant, if so authorized; or other identifying insignia or marking.

[CGFR 57-35, 22 FR 6765, Aug. 22, 1957, as amended by CGFR 66-67, 31 FR 15239, Dec. 6, 1966]

### §23.05 Where and when displayed.

(a) The Coast Guard Ensign is a mark of authority and is required to be displayed whenever a Coast Guard vessel takes active measures in connection with boarding, examining, seizing, stopping or heaving to of a vessel for the purposes of enforcing the laws of the United States. The distinctive markings of Coast Guard aircraft serve the same purpose.

(b) The Coast Guard Commission pennant indicates a Coast Guard cutter

under the command of a commissioned officer or commissioned warrant officer.

(c) When applicable, these distinctive marks shall be displayed, the Coast Guard Ensign at the masthead of the foremast, and the commission pennant at the after masthead. On ships having but one mast the Coast Guard Ensign and commission pennant shall be at the masthead on the same halyard. In mastless ships they shall be displayed from the most conspicuous hoist.

[CGFR 67-26, 32 FR 6576, Apr. 28, 1967]

### §23.10 Coast Guard emblem.

(a) The distinctive emblem of the Coast Guard shall be as follows:

On a disc the shield of the Coat of Arms of the United States circumscribed by an annulet edged and inscribed "UNITED STATES COAST GUARD 1790" all in front of two crossed anchors.

(b) The emblem in full color is described as follows:

White anchors and white ring all outlined in medium blue (Coast Guard blue), letters and numerals medium blue (Coast Guard blue), white area within ring, shield with medium blue (Coast Guard blue) chief and 13 alternating white and red (Coast Guard red) stripes (7 white and 6 red) with narrow medium blue (Coast Guard blue) outline.

(c) The Coast Guard emblem is intended primarily for use as identification on Coast Guard ensigns, flags, pennants, vessels, aircraft, vehicles, and shore units. It may also be reproduced for use on such items as stationery, clothing, jewelry, etc.

(d) Any person who desires to reproduce the Coast Guard emblem for non-Coast Guard use must first obtain approval from the Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, Washington, D.C. 20593.

(Sec. 6(b)(1), 80 Stat. 937; 49 U.S.C. 1655(b)(1); 49 CFR 1.46(b))

[CGFR 67-26, 32 FR 6577, Apr. 28, 1967, as amended by CGFR 70-95, 35 FR 12541, Aug. 6, 1970]

### §23.12 Coast Guard identifying insignia.

(a) The distinctive identification insignia of the Coast Guard consists of a broad diagonal red stripe followed to the right or left by two narrow stripes, first a white stripe and then a blue